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SEN. MCCARTHY

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WASHINGTON (AP)-SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, D-MINN., SAID TODAY
HE IS NOT SURE JOHN A. MCCONE HAS THE QUALIFICATIONS TO HEAD THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY RECENTLY NAMED MCCONE, WHO SERVED IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES IN BOTH THE TRUMAN AND EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATIONS, TO SUCCEED ALLEN W. DULLES AS DIRECTOR OF THE CIA.

SINCE MCCONE'S APPOINTMENT WAS MADE AFTER CONGRESS ADJOURNED, HE WILL SERVE UNDER A RECESS APPOINTMENT UNTIL AND IF CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE AFTER CONGRESS RECONVENES.

"THERE IS NOTHING PARTICULAR TO RECOMMEND MR. MCCONE AS DIRECTOR OF THE CIA," MCCARTHY SAID. "THEY LAY DOWN FIVE OR SIX QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECTOR OF THE CIA AND I DO NOT KNOW IF HE HAS THOSE QUALIFICATIONS."

MCCARTHY DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT PARTICULAR QUALIFICATIONS HE MIGHT HAVE IN MIND.

IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE VARIOUS QUESTIONS PUT TO MCCONE WHEN HIS NOMINATION IS CONSIDERED BY A SENATE COMMITTEE.

UNDER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN, MCCONE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S AIR POLICY COMMISSION, AS DEPUTY TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND AS UNDERSECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE. UNDER PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, MCCONE SERVED FOR A TIME AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

MCCARTHY SAID SOME OF THE ACTIONS MCCONE TOOK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE AEC "RAISED SOME DOUBTS IN MY MIND."

MCCARTHY HAS BEEN URGING CREATION OF A JOINT SENATE-HOUSE COMMITTEE TO KEEP A CHECK ON THE CIA.

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